

HOUSE BILL 837
By Head

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to funding and operation of courts, district attorneys general, and district public defenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-7-315, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection:

(b) The budget shall include all funding provided or available to district attorneys general and their offices, including state appropriations, funds from local governments, funds from the fraud and economic crime fund under title 40, chapter 3, part 2, or funds from fines and forfeitures of appearance bonds, proceeds from the seizure and forfeiture of goods or money, voluntary contributions to law enforcement funds, or funds from any other source, public or private.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-3-202, is amended by deleting the language, symbols, and punctuation "Subject to the limitations of § 40-3-209(b), the use of any moneys collected under the provisions of this part shall be at the discretion of the district attorney general of the district and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:" and by substituting instead the following language:

Except as provided in section 40-3-209(b), the use of any moneys collected under the provisions of this part shall be limited to the following:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 3, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

40-3-211. The district attorney general of each district shall maintain a current, complete, and detailed accounting of funds available and specific expenditures made pursuant to this part.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-408, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection:

(b) The budget shall include all funding provided or available to district public defenders and their offices, including state appropriations, funds from local governments, or funds from any other source, public or private.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

16-1-118.

(a) Each year's budget for the operation of the administrative office of the courts and the court system excluding general sessions courts shall be submitted to the judiciary committees of the respective houses of the general assembly prior to approval of the budget by the general assembly.

(b) The budget shall include all funding provided or available to the administrative office of the courts and the court system excluding general sessions courts, including state appropriations, funds from local governments, or funds from any other source, public or private.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.